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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an amendment and response to the notice mailed from the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office on March 14, 2002 in the above-referenced application.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-275 without prejudice.

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- 276. (amended) A tobacco shell product, comprising:
- (a) a sheet of tobacco-containing material that is flavored with an additive;
  - (b) a longitudinal bore defined when the sheet is formed into a hollow tube;
  - (c) the longitudinal bore being not completely filled with a tobacco filler product; and